

## QUESTION AS TO BIRTH MAKES FULLER WILT

Told His Mother Lives  
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With his face crimson and his hands working convulsively Louis R. Fuller, Harvard graduate and society man, refused in the Centre Street Court today to answer questions tending to prove that he is not the son of Dr. Frank Fuller, millionaire president of the Health Food Company, was never legally adopted and has no right to the name he bears. To add to his confusion Mrs. Alice Faxon, daughter of Dr. Fuller and mother of Homer Hawkins, the youth arrested for attempting to blackmail young Fuller out of \$500, said:

"I can give you the name and address of your real mother. You are no blood of our family. I can direct you where to go and find her, for she is still living, although not in New York City."

Young Fuller's nervousness became so great that he could barely mutter his birth to answer queries as to his birth. His lawyer asked for an adjournment, and the case went over until tomorrow. The attractive, dapper young social light walked out of the courtroom in a dazed way. Not until he caused the arrest of Dr. Fuller's grandson did he know the real facts of his own birth.

### Case May Be Dropped.

At his request Magistrate Whitman reduced the bail from \$250 to \$50. From the abrupt ending of the hearing today it looks as though the case will be dropped and the family skeleton buried back to oblivion.

Hawkins, who is twenty-two years old, met young Fuller by appointment in the Mott Haven yards of the New York Central, where Hawkins was employed as timekeeper. When detectives who had been arrested near by arrested Hawkins he pulled a loaded revolver but made no attempt to use it. From that time until today there have followed in a close succession a score of amazing revelations as to the family relations of Dr. Fuller. The threat on which the blackmail charge is based, however, did not refer to these. Hawkins wrote that he would tell George Rowbottom, of Dorchester, Mass., father of Mr. Fuller's daughter, of an alleged love affair of Fuller's at Harvard.

Following the arrest Mrs. Faxon pleaded with Fuller to drop the case. Only when he refused did she tell him of his birth. To-day, while waiting for the case to be called she approached Fuller again. His reply was:

"Two blackmalingers have been called upon on the long-distance telephone and been told things about me. I don't know who did that, but I

do know who wrote the letters. Let the law take its course."

Mrs. Faxon's eyes were blazing. "Very well," she said. "But I will fight for my own dear son. I love him. Well, see how you like this case."

She hastened over to her lawyer and held a whispered consultation. Once more she came to Fuller. He moved uneasily. She pointed a wavering forefinger at him and made her offer to send him to his mother. Just then the case was called and Fuller, as the complainant, took the stand.

### Asked for His Name.

After he had told of getting the letters and of the arrest, Lawyer Price opened his cross-examination. He first asked the cross-examination questions as to the witness's name. In this instance he had much significance, for when Fuller answered Lawyer Price said:

"You know that you are not Louis R. Fuller? Do you know your real name?"

Fuller turned to the Magistrate and asked wistfully:

"Do I have to answer?"

"Yes," the witness said to the Magistrate.

Lawyer Price then went on:

"He asked Fuller if he knew Hawkins was Dr. Fuller's grandson. After three or four minutes' thought Fuller said:

"Well, I was informed a year ago that a woman had a boy travelling with her and that he said he was Dr. Fuller's grandson."

Further questions as to where he was born and who his mother was were met with a negative shake of the head and a whisper that was almost a gasp, as the young man said:

"I refuse to answer."

"We propose to show," said Lawyer Price to the Court, "that this man had no right to sign the papers of the company with the name he used. We will prove that he was not legally adopted, but that Dr. Fuller's second wife took him after the death of their only child, and that she paid the expenses of his education. Why he has more right to call himself Louis R. Fuller than I would have."

Fuller's lawyer here tried to save his client further embarrassment by asking for an adjournment. Before considering this, Lawyer Price said:

"We will prove our charge as to this matter by subpoenaing Dr. Fuller, if necessary. Unless he is more active than John D. Rockefeller we will subpoena him and bring him here to tell what he knows."

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They refused to accept the proposition in the form drawn and submitted a revised plan.

The operators would not consider the revisions, but there is a chance that an agreement may be reached at a conference to be held on a date agreed upon by John Mitchell for the miners and President Baer for the operators.

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